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SUBJECT: CIEC: US PROPOSAL IN CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO
INVITE GATT AND UNCTAD TO GIVE REPORTS ON MTN AND GSP

1. WE INFORMED GATT DG LONG THAT US WOULD WELCOME MATHUR GIVING REPORT ON GATT/MTN ACTIVITIES IN CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. WE ALSO INDICATED U.S. VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR GATT REPORT TO COVER ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES HELPING LDCS TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN MTN. WE FURTHER INDICATED U.S. CONSIDERED THAT UNCTAD REPORT WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO INCLUDE SOME DESCRIPTION ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT ON MTN, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WANT EMPHASIS TO BE ON GSP ASSISTANCE

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2. LONG EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT U.S. INITIATIVE

IN CIEC WHICH WOULD SEEM TO LINK AND EQUATE UNCTAD AND GATT. WE REPLIED WE UNDERSTOOD THIS CONCERN BUT BELIEVED U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD BE PUT IN WAY WHICH WOULD OBVIATE THIS DANGER. LONG EXPRESSED DESIRE DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK IN ACCORDANCE U.S. OFFER (STATE 029157, PARA 1.) HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT WE NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE RE GATT ASPECTS UNTIL HE HAS HAD OCCASION RAISE MATTER IN WASHINGTON. WE PROMISED SUPPORT THIS REQUEST WITH WASHINGTON AND NOTED HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH ROBINSON, YEUTTER AND GREENWALD BEFORE FIRST MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

3. WE ALSO INFORMED UNCTAD SECRETARIAT OF U.S. VIEWS CONCERNING POSSIBLE UNCTAD REPORT AT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (KRISHNAMURTI IS IN MANILA - WE INFORMED HIS DEPUTY STORDEL.) STORDEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION U.S. VIEW AND BELIEVED UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WOULD BE PLEASED MAKE REPORT ON RANGE OF ITS ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT MARCH MEETING OF COMMISSION. HE INDICATED DEPUTY SYG ROSSEN WOULD BE REPRESENTING UNCTAD AT NEXT WEEK'S DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING AND THAT KRISHNAMURTI WOULD ALSO BE THERE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD BE ATTENDING MARCH SESSION.PHELAN

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